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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Legal News: Surveys aim at improving public's experience with courts

"... State Court Administrator Chad C. Schmucker said the [public satisfaction] surveys are part of a statewide initiative, 'Courts working smarter for a better Michigan,' which stresses measuring court performance to improve efficiency and public service.... A video released [Tuesday] by the Supreme Court Office of Public Information explains how the survey results will be used."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Also see:

Customer surveys aimed at improving public's experience with courts

[Press release](#)

Detroit Legal News: Zimmer named Michigan Court of Appeals chief clerk

"Attorney Jerome W. Zimmer, Jr., District Clerk of the Court of Appeals' Detroit office, has been named the court's chief clerk, Chief Judge William B. Murphy announced Tuesday. Zimmer's appointment is effective today."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Jerome W. Zimmer, Jr., named Michigan Court of Appeals Chief Clerk

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Detroit owes \$1.2 million in taxes on 36th District Court building

"Add Wayne County to the growing list of entities awaiting payment from the city of Detroit. The city's building authority is more than \$1.2 million behind on property taxes on the building that houses 36th District Court, Wayne County Chief Deputy Treasurer David Szymanski told the Free Press on Tuesday."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Concerns continue for 36th District Court

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Former Mich. House Speaker DeRoche sues Novi over arrest

"Former state House Speaker Craig DeRoche has sued the city of Novi and its police department in federal court, alleging officers violated several of his constitutional rights when they arrested him during an intoxicated disturbance at his home in June 2010. In January, the Michigan Court of Appeals unanimously upheld lower court decisions dismissing charges Novi police brought against DeRoche for possessing a firearm while he was intoxicated inside his house."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Lawyers working to resolve fight over Washington Twp. mansion's location

"The nine-year battle between two Washington Township neighbors over whether a mansion was built too close to the property line may be close to a resolution. Following Tuesday's adjourned court hearing at Macomb County Circuit Court, Aileen Thom's lawyer, Thomas Kalas, said he and Simon and Saca Palushaj's lawyer, Dennis Rauss, are working on a resolution and have made substantial progress."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Macomb Daily: With video: Washington Township mansion dispute may be resolved soon

[Full story](#)

The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Appeal order may trim \$3.8 million judgment

"A \$3.8 million breach of contract judgment in favor of a former Adrian-based delivery service could be reduced under an order issued last week by the Michigan Court of Appeals. Judge Margaret M.S. Noe is to review whether to subtract salaries The Service Source owners might have earned from lost profits she ordered DHL Express to pay after a trial in 2010."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Halloran to speak on enforcing divorce judgments at SBM Family Law Section conference (second article)

"Judge Richard B Halloran, Wayne County Circuit Court, Family Division will be an instructor at this week's Mid-Summer Conference of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, being held this Friday, July 19, 2013 through Saturday, July 20, 2013 at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Retired judge earns coveted Avadenka Memorial Award

"Although Dennis Drury officially retired as a judge for the 52-4 District Court and as the presiding judge for its drug court component, he continues to garner admiration. For his years of dedicated service, Judge Drury was named as this year's recipient of the prestigious Frances R. Avadenka Award presented by the Oakland County Bar Association."

[Full story](#)

Grand Haven Tribune: Court: Pot baked goods off limits in some cases

"Michigan's Court of Appeals has ruled that baked goods and other food containing marijuana's active ingredient aren't considered 'usable marijuana' under state law unless they contain plant material."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Supreme Court decides on Kent County case, People v. Musser

"The following is taken word for word from the Syllabus in People v. Musser, as indicated. For the complete Opinion, visit [the Michigan Supreme Court website.]"

[Full story](#)

The Holland Sentinel: Man who shot self, made up story, shows off wound to judge

"Jimmy Lee Hitchcock pulled up the leg of his jail-orange pants to show the judge the gunshot wound in his calf. 'Holy smokes!' said Allegan County Circuit Court Judge Kevin Cronin on Monday during Hitchcock's sentencing for possessing a firearm and filing a false police report."

[Full story](#)

The Holland Sentinel: Teen who joined escapees gets jail and strong warning from judge

"... At 18 years old, [Brittany] Rector, of Allegan, stood before [Allegan County Circuit Court [Judge Kevin Cronin Monday] who was about to sentence her for those crimes — options included up to five years in a state prison or a year in the Allegan County Jail with probation."

[Full story](#)

The Holland Sentinel: GUEST EDITORIAL — long legal battle ahead over right to work

"Despite Rick Snyder's plea that the Michigan Supreme Court settle the right-to-work law's constitutionality, the state's highest court decided to pass.... The governor hoped the court would sign off on the controversial statute and quiet widespread objections about the way it was enacted."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Another View: Right-to-Work in for long court struggle

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Courthouse property sale moves forward

"The Farmington City Council gave the OK Monday to authorize City Manager Vince Pastue and City Clerk Sue Halberstadt to move forward with the sale of the old courthouse property on Ten Mile Road to Balfour Senior Living, a Colorado-based dementia care provider which wants to build a facility there."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon County Legal News: Estate planning attorney appointed as Muskegon County Probate Court Administrator/Register

"The Muskegon County Probate Court has appointed attorney Craig L. Monette as the Probate Court Administrator/Register. He succeeds the Hon. Kathy L. Hoogstra who was recently appointed by Governor Snyder as 14th Judicial Circuit Judge."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Program simplifies paying fines in Wayne courts

"A fine for speeding in Detroit and a right-turn-on-red ticket in Livonia can now be paid in a single court visit, thanks to a new collaboration by the 36th District Court and other district courts in Wayne County. The program, called the Out County Collections Program, makes it more convenient for the public to take care of multiple traffic cases at the same time."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Venue issue in Shrine Temple case remains undecided until new Saginaw County judge assigned

"The parties seeking to move a civil lawsuit involving the Clio-based Elf Khurafteh Shrine Temple Association from Saginaw County to Genesee County must wait a bit longer to find out if they can take their argument to the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Saginaw man accused of slaying neighbor over \$5 debt jailed without bond before new trial

"A Saginaw man who had his murder conviction overturned will not be released on bond while awaiting a new trial, a judge ruled.... The Michigan Court of Appeals last month reversed [Bradford] Mitchell's May 2012 conviction of second-degree murder in the Jan. 15, 2011, beating death of his neighbor, Jay Kolhoff."

[Full story](#)